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REMARKS

As noted, with appreciation, the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-5

have been allowed.

Claims 6-8 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 112,

second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the

subject matter for which patent protection is sought. This rejection is

respectfully traversed.

As the Examiner will note, claims 1-5 and 6-8 have been amended to

eliminate all of the inadvertencies associated with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second

paragraph, and thus, it is believed that the present application, containing

claims 1-5 and 6-8 is in condition for allowance. Thus, reconsideration of the

rejections, and allowance of all of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the

present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mr.

Joseph A. Kolasch, Reg. No. 22,463) at the telephone number of the

undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution

in connection with the present application.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), the

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response in connection with the present application and the required fee of \$55.00 is attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Abstract of the Disclosure

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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of treating incineration ash and wastewater sludge, wherein a mutual relation in using nutrients exists between the incineration ash containing heavy metal and organic wastes containing the wastewater sludge and sulfate-reducing bacteria, including the steps of burying the incineration ash together with the organic wastes under the ground, whereby the bacteria reduces the sulfates existing in the incineration ash to form sulfides, binding the formed sulfides with the heavy metal to form insoluble metal sulfides, thereby preventing the heavy metal from exuding out of the incineration ash as an eluate.